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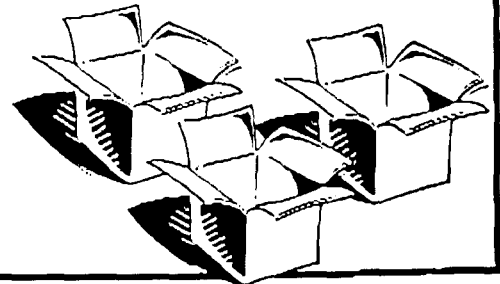
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January 24, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530


Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my full support of the recent settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice and Microsoft. Although I believe that the lawsuit was not justified in the first place, after three long years, I am happy to see that Microsoft is not being broken up and that a settlement has been reached.

Under the terms of the settlement Microsoft is not getting off easy. They must give up internal interfaces and protocols to their competitors. They must not retaliate against software developers or computer makers who promote no-Microsoft products. They must also grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to more easily promote competitors' products.

Although I do not fully agree with the terms of the settlement, I want to see it finalized because it is in the best interests of the American public that there be no further litigation. I ask that your Office takes a firm stance and ends the lawsuits from the nine states trying to drag this thing through the mud. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Calvin A. Roberts